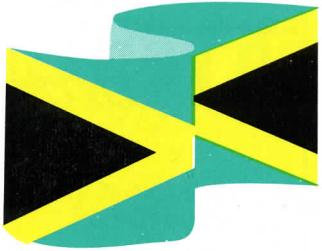


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The Rt. Hon. P. J. Patterson, P.C., Q.C., M.P., being sworn in as Prime Minister of Jamaica for the third consecutive term on December 30, 1997 at King's House. Looking on is the Governor-General of Jamaica, His Excellency Sir Howard Cooke, O.N., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., C.D.



Editorial

Hello Friends!

1998, a new year of hope and resolutions has begun, ushered in with parties, balls and the traditional Jamaican "watch nite" church services.

With the new year also came a new political administration. The People's National Party emerged victorious in the December 18 elections, heralding an unprecedented third term in office. The Government of Jamaica now has the task of continuing the country's developmental path into the next millennium.

As Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. P.J. Patterson said at his recent Swearing-In Ceremony **"In this a new day, let us stir up the gifts with which we have been blessed. Let us pool our energies in the eradication of poverty, the building of a strong economy to meet all our developmental needs, the freeing of the human spirit to accomplish great things and the creation of a quality society."**

In this issue of **Jamaica News**, we have for you, news on the new Cabinet, Here and There Pictorial, a list of public holidays in Jamaica for 1998 and an update on the Reggae Boyz.

May all the resolutions made remain unbroken and a blessed and prosperous New Year to all our brothers and sisters.

Tek care.



CARICOM LINKS

The past calendar year was exciting and busy for CARICOM Member States. Throughout the year, the three main objectives of the organisation — economic co-operation, functional co-operation and co-ordination on foreign policy — were enhanced by regular meetings. The completion of legal documents to facilitate various strategies toward the implementation of the Single Market and Economy took place in 1997.

- Five new councils were introduced in the organs of the Community — the Community Council of the Ministers; the Council for Trade and Economic Development; the Council for Foreign and Community Relations; the Council for Human and Social Development and the Council for Finance and Planning. These Councils were made possible with the signing of Protocol I in February, 1997.
- The last two surviving signatories of the Treaty of Chaguanas — President Cheddi Jagan of Guyana and former Prime Minister of Jamaica, Michael Manley — both passed away within hours of each other, on March 6, 1997.
- Sir Shridath Ramphal was appointed Chief Negotiator of the Regional External Negotiating Machinery in April, 1997.
- The Caribbean/US Summit in May resulted in arrangements for annual consultations between foreign ministers of the Caribbean and US Secretary of State. In addition, the US committed itself to promoting measures towards enhancing trade and other areas of critical importance to the region.
- The Republic of Haiti became the Community's fifteenth member in July, when its application for membership was accepted.

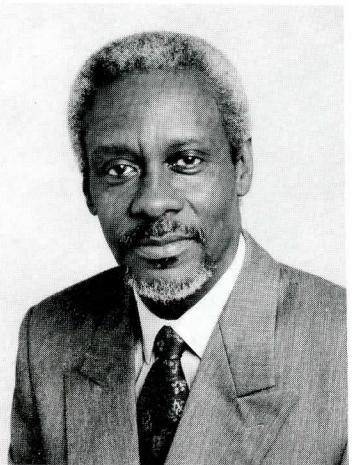
Under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister of Jamaica, the Rt. Hon. P.J. Patterson, CARICOM invited the President of the United States, Bill Clinton, to meet with Heads of Government of Member States to discuss issues of trade and development. The Summit held in Barbados on May 10, was the first of its kind and set a positive tone for future CARICOM/US relations.

For 1998, the activities of the Community have already begun in earnest, as Member States sent a peace mission to Guyana, in light of post-election developments there. The mission comprised members of the Bureau of CARICOM, Heads of Government and other prominent West Indians.

Newly appointed Chairman of CARICOM and the Prime Minister of Grenada, Dr. Keith Mitchell, announced recently that the specific objectives of this mission were to "enable CARICOM to formulate an independent position on the situation in Guyana."

RETOOLING OUR ENERGIES FOR THE CREATION OF A QUALITY SOCIETY

Excerpts from the Address by the Rt. Hon. P.J. Patterson Q.C., M.P., at his Swearing-In Ceremony December 30, 1997.



Rt. Hon. P. J. Patterson, P.C., Q.C., M.P.

As I take the Oath of Office for the third consecutive time as Prime Minister of Jamaica, there can hardly be any question but that the Governor-General and myself have made ceremonies of this kind a welcome habit.

This occasion marks the formal acceptance, in accordance with our Constitution, of a mandate from my people and which imposes on me a solemn duty to lead Jamaica forward into the new millennium. I accept this formidable responsibility with a sense of profound humility and a deep consciousness of the sacred obligations which history and the people have entrusted in me.

The Mandate

I regard the mandate as an endorsement of continuity, in the effecting of orderly and progressive change throughout the land.

It is a mandate for substantial growth, but a recognition that this cannot be sustained in the absence of macro-economic stability.

The imperative of the moment requires us as a people, to dig deep

within ourselves and find new springs of love, creativity and boldness. We are summoned to make that irreversible thrust to build the quality society that is best fuelled by a united effort.

Democracy

Jamaicans are the proud beneficiaries of a vibrant democratic tradition, spanning over half a century. Our democracy has survived on the discerning sense of our people, who insist that their leaders must always listen and keep in tune.

An End To Strife

There is no doubt in my mind that the healing for which so many Jamaicans and I have prayed, is slowly gaining ground and quietly taking place. The election campaign and the election itself reflected this.

Discipline — A Pre-Requisite for Prosperity

Indiscipline breeds crime and violence. The entire nation must be mobilised to recognise the sanctity of life and work with the security forces to ensure the safety of our citizens and visitors alike.

Our aim is not only to produce scholars and professionals to serve the economy. It is equally important to produce citizens properly socialised to hold positive values and attitudes and thereby contribute to harmony within their communities.

Our Creative Energy

We are blessed with the gift of creativity which is to be found on every street corner.

Let us harness this creative impulse wherever it is to be found. Let us give it room for development and channel into productive enterprise

those initiatives for the growth of the nation and the benefit of our people.

We are a people with unmatched capability for creativity and resourcefulness. I am confident that no task is beyond us.

Economic Growth A Priority

On the economic front, growth must be a priority and can no longer be delayed now that there is a sound macro-economic framework on which to launch it.

A great deal of work has already been done to streamline the institutional approaches that reap significant benefits and we are committed to help, through training, assistance with productivity development, marketing and access to credit.

We are committed, through the national industrial policy to double per capita income over the next decade.

Conclusion

A new day has dawned. In this new day, let us stir up all the gifts with which we have been so richly blessed. Let us pool our energies in the eradication of poverty, the building of a strong economy to meet all our developmental needs and most importantly, the freeing of the human spirit to accomplish great things in order to create a quality society.

I close by asking every Jamaican, wherever you may be, to join me in a prayer that God will grant me the wisdom to discover the right, the courage to choose it and the strength to make it endure.



GONE TOO SOON...

Kay Baxter, O.D., Jamaica's Consul General to New York, died on January 16, 1998. She was fifty years old. Members of her family were with her in her final moments. Mrs. Baxter was an exemplary and dedicated Civil Servant, having served in Jamaica's foreign services for over 25 years. Her love for her country was unquestionable.

Over the years she maintained a close link with the Jamaica Information Service through its overseas offices, and treated the JIS staff as a part of her staff at the Consulate.

The Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Mrs. Baxter was held at the University of the West Indies Chapel, Mona, Jamaica on January 24, 1998.

*"You would know the secret of death...
For what is it to die...
...what is it to cease breathing
But to free the breath from its Restless tides, that it may rise
And expand and seek God unencumbered?"*

*The Prophet — 1923
Kahlil Gibran*



Kay Andrea Annette Baxter, O.D.
(1947 November 07 — 1998 January 16)

The entire staff of the Jamaica Information Service extend our deepest sympathy to the family of the late Kay Baxter, O.D.

TRIBUTES

Hon. P.J. Patterson, Prime Minister

With the untimely passing of Mrs. Kay Baxter, Jamaica has lost an illustrious and dedicated public servant who devoted over 25 years of her life to the service of her country.

She had a distinguished career in the country's diplomatic service where she continued to serve even while she was ailing.

As Jamaica's diplomatic representative in Canada and the United States over the past 17 years, Mrs. Baxter endeared herself to the respective Jamaican communities and was successful in achieving new levels of integration between Jamaicans overseas and their host countries.

Mrs. Baxter served her country well beyond the call of duty and her passing has created a void in our diplomatic services.

On behalf of the Government and people of Jamaica, I convey deepest condolences to her family and many friends.



Hon. Seymour Mullings, Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Foreign Affairs & Foreign Trade

Just over two months ago, friends and well wishers paid tribute to Kay on the occasion of her 50th birthday. How fortunate it was that the opportunity was used to publicly express to her, appreciation for the unwavering commitment which was the hallmark of her effective service to Jamaica.



Late Consul General Kay Baxter, O.D., opens exhibition by noted Jamaican artist Barrington Watson, held at the Jamaican Consulate Office in Manhattan. Looking on are Prime Minister P.J. Patterson and Jamaica's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Pat Durrant.

of competence in consular relations, which prompted her early appointment as our Consul General in Toronto.

The Order of Distinction was awarded to her in 1988 in recognition of her commitment to excellence in the service of Jamaica. In 1992, she was transferred to New York in a similar capacity, where again, her record was exemplary. Mrs Baxter was proactive in serving the interests of the Jamaican communities in the region to which she was assigned. She was also instrumental in promoting not only public, but also private sector objectives and in organising ventures for the benefit of charitable institutions in Jamaica.

Indeed, a vibrant, productive life has come to an end and while we mourn her passing, the staff of my Ministry and myself extend to the bereaved family and loved ones, our deepest sympathy. May they be comforted by the knowledge that Mrs Baxter has left an indelible mark in the annals of our service and in the hearts of the Jamaican communities in Canada and the United States.

May her soul rest in peace.



THE NEW ADMINISTRATION

On Saturday, January 3, 1998 the Cabinet Ministers were sworn in by the Governor-General of Jamaica at King's House. In his address, Prime Minister P. J. Patterson told the members of the new executive that the government's mission is to "create a better quality of life (for the Jamaican people) as we enter the millennium."

Below are profiles on the members of the new Cabinet.

THE RT. HON. PERCIVAL JAMES PATTERSON

PRIME MINISTER
BORN: APRIL 10, 1935

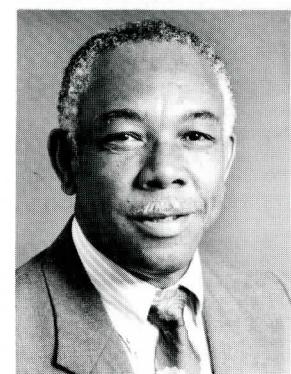
PROFESSION: ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

Prime Minister Patterson was first appointed to the Senate in 1967. In 1972 he was appointed as Minister of Industry and Tourism. Since then, he has served as Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade (1978), Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Development Planning and Production (1989) and Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning (1990). In 1992 he took over the reins as Prime Minister and has led the Executive since.

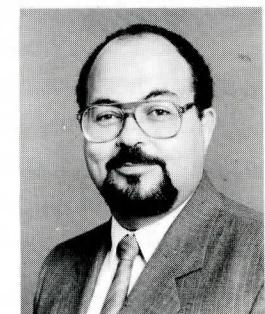


THE HON. SEYMOUR ST EDWARD MULLINGS
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FOREIGN TRADE

BORN: MAY 12, 1931
PROFESSION: SURVEYOR



Minister Mullings began his political career in 1969. He has held former Cabinet positions as Minister of Health & Social Security (1980), Minister of Finance and Public Service (1989), Minister of Agriculture (1990) and was first appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade in 1995.



THE HON. JOHN ARCHIBALD JUNOR
MINISTER OF HEALTH
BORN: JULY 25, 1946

PROFESSION: ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

He was named to the Senate in 1978. His former ministerial responsibilities include that of State Minister in the Ministry

THE HON. DR PETER PHILLIPS

MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION AND WORKS

BORN: DECEMBER 28, 1949

PROFESSION: ECONOMIST, LECTURER

Dr Phillips' first major political position was as Party Secretary in 1991. His former ministerial appointments include Minister without Portfolio in the Office of the Prime Minister (1993), Minister for Special Projects in the Office of the Prime Minister (1994) and Minister of Health (1995).

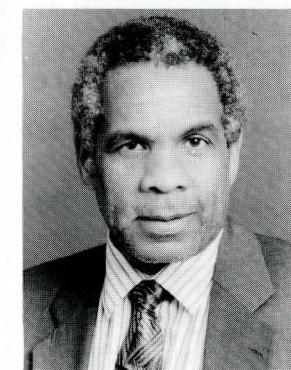
THE HON. DR OMAR LLOYD DAVIES

MINISTER OF FINANCE AND PLANNING

BORN: MAY 28, 1947

PROFESSION: ECONOMIST, LECTURER

Dr Davies has served the government in non-political roles since 1975, in such positions as the Director of the National Planning Agency, Special Advisor to the Minister of Finance and Director General of the Planning Institute of Jamaica. Dr Davies' political career began in 1993 when he was appointed Minister without Portfolio in the Office of the Prime Minister. That same year he was elected to the Legislature and appointed Minister of Finance and Planning, a position he has held since.



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of Construction (1989) and the Ministry of Finance, Development and Planning (1990), and Minister for the Ministries of Tourism and the Environment (1992), Local Government, Youth and Sport, as well as Tourism (1995).

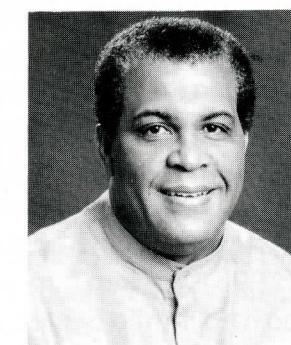
THE HON. ROBERT DIXON PICKERSGILL

MINISTER OF MINING AND ENERGY

BORN: FEBRUARY 26, 1943

PROFESSION: ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

Mr Pickersgill's governmental responsibilities include appointments as Minister of Public Utilities and Transport (1989), Minister of Public Utilities and Energy (1993) and Minister of Public Utilities, Transport and Energy (1995).



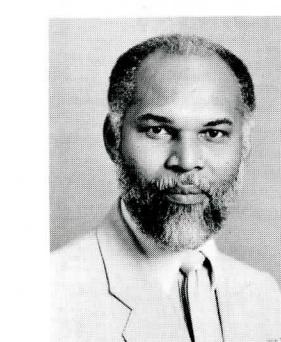
THE HON. KEITH DESMOND ST AUBYN KNIGHT

MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY AND JUSTICE

BORN: MAY 12, 1941

PROFESSION: ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

Minister Knight was first elected as the political representative for East Central St. Catherine in 1989. That same year he was appointed Minister of National Security and Justice and has served in that Ministry since.



Culture. He was again named Minister of Education with the added responsibility of Youth in 1995 and has headed the Education Ministry since.

THE HON. DR PAUL ROBERTSON

MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND INVESTMENT

BORN: JULY 7, 1946

PROFESSION: POLITICAL ECONOMIST, LECTURER

Dr Robertson's political appointments include Special Assistant to Prime Minister Michael Manley (1978). In 1989 Senator and Minister without Portfolio in the Office of the Prime Minister. That same year he was made Minister of Information and Culture. His other ministerial responsibilities include Minister of Public Service and Information (1991), Minister of the Public Service (1992), Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade (1993) and Minister of Industry, Investments and Commerce (1995).



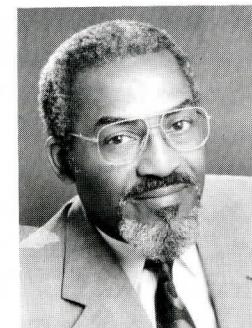
THE HON. EASTON WENTWORTH XAVIER DOUGLAS

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND HOUSING.

BORN: DECEMBER 28, 1936

PROFESSION: CHARTERED SURVEYOR AND TOWN PLANNER

Minister Douglas has served the government since 1972 in such roles as Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of National Security and Defence and Deputy Government Town Planner, he only entered representational politics in 1989. His first ministerial role was in the Ministry of Health in 1989, he was later appointed Minister of Public Service and the Environment (1993) and Minister of Environment and Housing (1995).



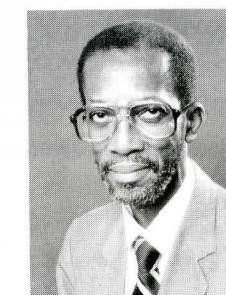
SENATOR THE HON. BURCHELL WHITEMAN

MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

BORN: FEBRUARY 21, 1938

PROFESSION: EDUCATOR

In 1989 Minister Whiteman was elected to Parliament and in 1992 promoted to Minister in the Ministry of Education &



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THE HON. PORTIA LUCRETIA SIMPSON

MINISTER OF LABOUR, SOCIAL

SECURITY AND SPORT

PROFESSION: SECRETARY, SOCIAL WORKER

Minister Simpson's first seat in Parliament came in 1976. In 1989 she was sworn in as Minister of Labour, Welfare and Sport, a position she held until 1993, when the Sports portfolio was placed under the Ministry of Local Government and Youth. In 1995 Minister Simpson resumed responsibility for Sports in the renamed Ministry of Labour, Social Security and Sport. She is the longest serving of the two female members of the Cabinet.



THE HON. PHILLIP FEANNY PAULWELL

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TECHNOLOGY

BORN: JANUARY 14, 1962

PROFESSION: ATTORNEY-AT-LAW



Minister of State in the Ministry of Industry, Investments and Commerce.

THE HON. ROGER CLARKE

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

BORN: JUNE 11, 1940

PROFESSION: FARMER

Minister Clarke was formerly Councillor of the Balaclava Division in St Elizabeth and Mayor of Black River. He was elected to the Lower



House in 1991 and appointed Minister of State in the Agriculture Ministry in 1992. In 1995 he was appointed Minister of Local Government and Works.

THE HON. ARNOLD BERTRAM

MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

BORN: SEPTEMBER 9, 1944

PROFESSION: HISTORIAN, LECTURER

Minister Bertram was first appointed to the Senate in 1974. In 1976 he was elected to the Lower House. In 1992 he was appointed Special Advisor to the Prime Minister. In 1995 Mr Bertram was appointed to the Senate and placed in charge of Special Programmes in the Office of the Prime Minister.



THE HON. FRANCIS ANTHONY TULLOCH

MINISTER OF TOURISM

BORN: AUGUST 5, 1940

PROFESSION: ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

Minister Tulloch's political career began in 1972 when he was elected Member of Parliament. In 1976 he was appointed Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Labour and Employment. He was also twice appointed Minister of State in the Ministry of Public Utilities and Transport (1977 and 1978). In 1993 he served in the Ministry of Industry, Tourism and Commerce, having responsibility for Tourism. In 1996 he was appointed Minister of Tourism following the resignation of Minister John Junor.



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SENATOR THE HON. MAXINE ANTOINETTE HENRY-WILSON

MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO IN THE OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

PROFESSION: PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR, LECTURER

Minister Henry-Wilson first served as Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office in 1992 and later in the Ministry of Finance (1993). She was appointed Minister without Portfolio in the Office of the Prime Minister in 1995, a post to which she has been re-assigned. She is the second of the two female members of the Cabinet.



THE HON. DR KARL BLYTHE

MINISTER OF WATER

BORN: JANUARY 6, 1946

PROFESSION: MEDICAL DOCTOR

Dr Blythe was first elected to The House of Representatives in 1989. He has served as Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministries of Education, Youth and Culture, and Health. This is his first appointment to Cabinet and in the newly created Ministry of Water.



JAMAICAN WINS BRITISH AWARD



Neslyn Watson-Druce receives the British Diversity Award 1997 from Lady Ann-Marie Nelson of the National Health Service in London.

Jamaican business woman Neslyn Watson-Druce, was the recipient of a gold standard in the British Diversity Award (BDA), having boosted the employment potential of nurses, midwives and persons in professions supplementary to medicine.

Mrs. Watson has previously received three awards from the government and independent bodies for her work with businesses in the United Kingdom. She was also awarded a Government Grant of 250,000 pounds for a ten-year bursary in memory of Mary Seacole, the Jamaican nurse. The bursary is to provide educational opportunities for black women in the health sector.

The British Diversity Awards, now in its third year, publicly recognise organisations and individuals who have promoted equal opportunity within their communities.

UPDATE ON THE REGGAE BOYZ

The Reggae Boyz did a stint in Brazil over the period January 1-26 where they underwent vigorous training in preparation for the upcoming World Cup in France, June 1998.

The squad in Brazil included Walter Boyd, Onandi Lowe, Donovan Ricketts, Andrew Williams, Oneil MacDonald, Steve Green, Patrick Beech, Aaron Lawrence, Stephen Malcolm, Linval Dixon, Durrant Brown, Ricardo Gardener, Dean Sewell, Donald Stewart, Peter Cargill, Theodore Whitmore,

Winston Griffiths, Christopher Dawes, Cornel Chin-Sue, Gregory Messam, Ian Goodison and Clifford Waugh.

Officials were Captain Horace Burrell (Head of Delegation), David Watt (Manager), Denise Nichols (Physiotherapist), Paul Campbell (Goalkeeper Coach), Alfredo Montesso (Physical Trainer), Jose Carmaggio (Masseur) and Rene Simoes (Technical Director).

The Reggae Boyz played in the Gold Cup in the United

States as follows:

February 03

- vs. Brazil at the Orange Bowl — 7:30 p.m.

February 06

- vs. El. Salvador at the La Calisium — 11:00 p.m.

February 08

- vs Guatemala at the La Calisium — 5:00 p.m.

They are scheduled to play vs Nigeria at the National Stadium — Kingston, Jamaica on

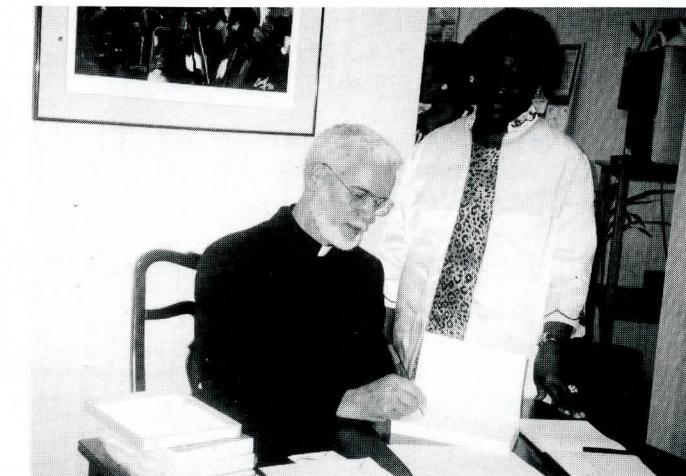
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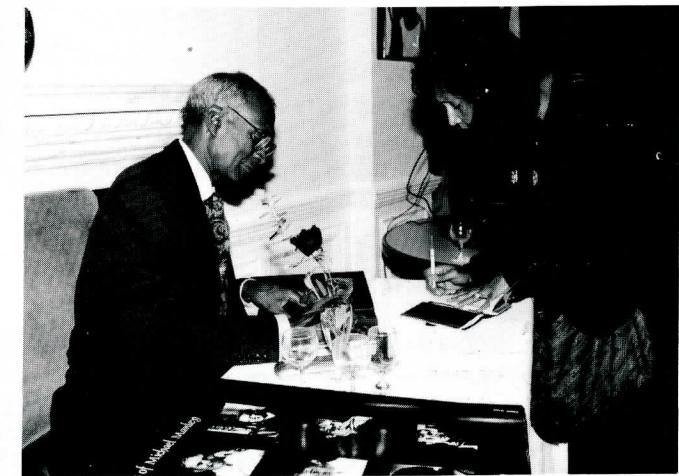
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BOOK LAUNCH: Author Rev. Trevor Phillips (l) signs a copy of "On Eagles' Wing" for Ms Lorna Edwards at the Jamaican Consulate in Toronto recently. The book details Rev. Phillips' religious faith as he battled and overcame a rare terminal disease, relapsing polychondritis. The book was also launched at the Jamaican High Commission in Ottawa.



BOOK LAUNCH: Photographer Ken Ramsey signs a copy of his book "The Dream Lives On" which was recently launched at the Jamaican High Commission in London. The publication is a pictorial highlight of the life of the late former Prime Minister Michael Manley. A photographic exhibition "Face-to-Face" was also opened in conjunction with the book.



ANNUAL FUNDRAISER: Members of the Edwin Allen Comprehensive High School Past Students' Association held their annual fundraising event recently in Toronto. Pictured here from left are Mr. Keith Allen, Guest Speaker and one of the founding teachers of the school; Mrs. Vivienne Nelson, President of the Association; Mrs. Olive Smith, President of the Alliance of Jamaica Alumni Associations, an umbrella group for the more than 30 Past Students' Associations in the Toronto area; Jamaica's Consul General to Toronto, Mr. Herman LaMont and Mr. Orlando Brady, Master of Ceremony for the event.



FARM WORK PROGRAMME: Jamaica's High Commissioner to Canada, Her Excellency Maxine Roberts (l); Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Labour, Social Security and Sport, Hon. Anthony Irons; Deputy Financial Secretary in the Ministry of Finance, Mrs. Pat Richardson; Solicitor General Ken Rattray and Head of the Jamaican Liaison Service in Toronto, Mr. John Wilkie at a recent function held in appreciation of Canadian farmers who have contributed to the success of the Jamaican Farm Work Programme.

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JAMAICAN PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 1998

- NEW YEAR'S DAY — January 1
- ASH WEDNESDAY — February 25
- GOOD FRIDAY — April 10
- EASTER MONDAY — April 13
- NATIONAL LABOUR DAY — May 23
(celebrated on Monday 25).
- EMANCIPATION DAY — August 1
- INDEPENDENCE DAY — August 6
- NATIONAL HEROES DAY — October 19
- CHRISTMAS DAY — December 25
- BOXING DAY — December 26

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